## Rain, Fog and Snow

#### **BAD WEATHER?**

- Slow down.
- Allow extra time.
- Leave extra distance between you and the car ahead.
- Gently apply brakes to avoid skids.
- Open window a crack if caught in stalled traffic to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

#### **BAD WEATHER CHECKLIST**

- Tires with plenty of tread
- Windshield wipers in good condition
- Washer full of fluid
- Gas tank full
- Defroster working
- Muffler and exhaust in good condition
- Antifreeze in radiator

### Carry:

- Tire chains and tighteners
- Flashlight and batteries
- Flares
- Small shovel
- Windshield scraper
- Warm, waterproof clothing
- Blankets, snacks and drinking water

### CALL AHEAD FOR ROAD CONDITIONS

California road info from California telephones 1-800-427-7623 (ROAD)

California road info from outside California 1-800-445-1534

Nevada road info 1-877-687-6237

Updated weather info also is available on the Internet:

www.chp.ca.gov www.dot.ca.gov

# Rain



Drive with headlights on.

Stay alert for vehicle hydroplaning.

CHAINS R

4-W DRIVE

SNOW\_TIRES

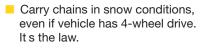
- Apply brakes more slowly; they may pull.
- Leave extra distance between your car and the next motorist.



- Drive with lights on LOW beam. (It is illegal to drive with parking lights on.)
- Watch for CHP pace vehicles to guide you through fog.
- Avoid crossing traffic lanes.
- Don't stop on highways except in emergencies.
- Move away from stalled or disabled vehicle.
- Consider postponing trip until fog clears.

Be aware smoke and dust are as deadly as fog.





- Observe speed limit in chain control areas--25 mph on two-lane roads and 30 mph on multi-lane roads.
- Check owner s manual for operating tips on your vehicle s braking system.
- Watch for paddle-shaped markers --they show the road s edge.
- Studded tires may be used between November 1 and April 1 only.
- Stay with your vehicle if you break down.

### **CHAIN REQUIREMENTS**

"R" ratings on snowy roads indicate chain requirements for various conditions.

Most vehicles come equipped with snow tires. Look for M&S (mud and snow), All Season, or All Terrain, on side of tire.

R-1 chains required except for vehicles with snow tires (chains required for any vehicle pulling a trailer)



R-2 chains required except for 4-wheel drive with snow tires

R-3 chains required for all vehicles

### CHAIN INSTALLATION SERVICES

Chain installers are not state employees. They are licensed workers required to display permit on their jacket. Fees must be posted and a receipt given for payment. Chain installers are not permitted to sell chains.



- Move out of vehicle lanes.
- Park off roadways, freeways and access ramps.
- Park out of path of snow removal equipment.
- Install chains on vehicle drive tires.

Additional information regarding chain requirements in California may be found on the Internet at: www.dot.ca.gov









California Highway Patrol

CHP 930 (Rev. 6-09) OPI 015